"The Church of the Open Door"

Oakwood Avenue Presbyterian

TROY, N. Y.

Marvin J Thompson, D. D., Minister

Rev. Dr. W. C. Robinson,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I was awfully sorry to see that Jim Amos is dead. Though Jim was a little older than I, we were always friends. Mrs. Thompson remarked tonight that out of those of the summer meeting in the school house of boyhood, three persons have died - "Camel" Cairns, Joe Raminissa, and Jim Amos.

I write you first of all in the interest of a very good friend of mine - Rev. Warren J. Whiffen, Schaghticoke, N. Y. Mr. Whiffen is a very fine christian gentleman. I do not suppose that in the eyes of some he would compare with Harry Emerson Fosdick, but I do know that he is a fine man - I assume between forty and fifty. He has rendered very satisfactory service in Schaghticoke for five or six years. It is one of those places which has absolutely no future and he does not feel, and I do not blame him, that he should just hang on. I wonder if you can speak a good word for him somewhere - if not in Otsego Presbytery, in some other place.

Second, for a good many moons, as you possibly know, about this season of the year I am like a bird at certain times of the year - I turn my face toward Delaware County. I wonder if there are any vacancies anywhere about those hills where I could get a day's preaching or two. Possibly some of the places would tolerate me knowing that I would leave them in the autumn. I think "Hec" Cowan is the correspondent in Hobart if they have not called a man and I know that you have influence over Hector. Possibly he would give a fellow a day or two.

I see that Dr. Erdman was the successful man. His spirit of gentleness

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won him the honor.

Trusting that all is well, I am of course

Very truly yours,

MJT:A.

Marvin J. Thompson

Cherry Valley N.Y. May 4 25

To the Elders of the
Moores Olivet
Presbyterian Church

Dear Brothers

I was informed last Saturday May 2 that the Rev. J. M. White resigned his pastorate with the Church. I am looking for a change but I want to come South again I have been the pastor of a Church in Del for Six and a half years known as the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church. If you wish to know about me write the Rev. John McMurray Newark Del. (I have the finest church in our Presbytery.) I have been the chairman of Home work of our Presbytery, and for the last two years have been Elected to the Directory of Missions in

any Presbytery. If you know
what that means it may have
same weight with you. I want
to leave because this is too
cold a country for Mrs Van
Deveren. I would like to
supply your pulpit for a
Sunday so we could become
aquainted.

Sincerely yours
C. Van Deveren.

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My dear Doctor Robinson:-

A two days' session with much thundering and lightning in the Troy Presbytery is over. With you I am agreed that there are forces about as clever at work as the world has ever known.

My nominee, Loux ~~at first~~ failed. I am fortunate to report to you that Carlisle, a colored man, thoroughly a Fundamentalist will offset Caughey and my man Bunce will be a partner with him so that you can report to anybody you wish that this is a fifty fifty proposition.

Mr. Bunce is treasurer of the Troy Trust Co., a personal friend and a man of some mentality. I only hope it will be possible for him to go.

With every good wish I am leaving for the Cumberland Mountains. If I never come back say a kind word about me.

Most truly yours,

Marvin J. Thompson

The Parsonage,
101 Hoosick St.,
April 23, 1925.

MJT:AMK

THE MANSE
DOWNSVILLE, NEW YORK

March 20, 1925.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

Thank you for your prompt and kind response of the 18th to mine of earlier date.

We are in the midst of the Every Member Canvass here. The returns thus far have much exceeded anything which has preceded. The prospect is that the budget for local support will be raised, a thing which has not been done before. The budget of $2200 is a rather generous one for this church.

Should I leave here, I am ambitious to turn the work over to a successor solvent and harmonious. The church has known three peaceful years of debt raising anyway.

Very cordially yours,

William Talbot

P.S. Rev. George A. MacDonald, D.D., Superintendant of the Poughkeepsie M.E.Conference District, formerly for some years, Pastor of the Newburgh M.E.Church, a nativ of this valley

and a summer resident, often a member of my congregation, and consequently acquainted with my preaching and work in the community, would I am sure bear favorable testimony to my record here. He has been written to by my Methodist associate here regarding the Newburgh vacancy. His address is 86 Harris Street, Poughkeepsie.

W.T.

I think it would be safe to inquire of Mr. J.L. Shuart, of Corbett and Shuart, Corbett, N.Y. regarding my work. I preach there on alternate Sunday afternoons.

THE MANSE
DOWNSVILLE, NEW YORK

March 13, 1925.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

I see by the Stamford paper that Mr. Willits is leaving Stamford. If that report is correct, I would like to secure consideration for that charge. You will, perhaps, recall that Dr. Stockwell brought my name to your attention for Stamford church, when the matter of my coming up into these parts was first considered. If I remember right, the place was already filled, when he got word to you.

Downsville has agreed pretty well with Mrs. Tatlock, but the situation of Stamford would be more favorable for her.

I am writing you in the hope that I may have your good offices, rather than Mr. Haynes, as I understand from the same paper which I referred to above that Mr. Haynes is leaving Hobart, so am not aware who is acting as chairman of the Committee of Vacancy and Supply.

While I would not publish it here that I was putting out any feelers for Stamford, I would

be glad to have the Stamford people acquaint themselves with my three years here, if they are interested so to do. Mrs. Tatlock and I have enjoyed our work here and are quite prepared to continue it, unless we can make a change beneficial to her health. That is not to say that she is an invalid here, for she has been able to be of very great assistance to me, but a higher and drier atmosphere would save her much discomfort.

Thanking you in advance for any thing you feel like doing in the matter, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

William Tatlock

Bovina Center, N.Y.,
Mar. 13, 1927.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter and expression of sympathy. When we are passing through deep waters it helps to know that our friends are thinking of us.

In our sorrow we rejoice that it is well with mother, pain and care are past. God she left us such a wonderful pattern to copy

from.

Sorry I've missed so many services but I know you understand how it is.

We listened to a splendid service conducted by your son, a few weeks ago one Sunday evening. Mother enjoyed it very much. I tried to call you by phone the next week but was unable to get you.

Very sincerely,

Edna Tolley.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR
TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT
OF NEW YORK

IN REPLYING REFER TO

SYRACUSE, N. Y.
January 27, 1925.

W. C. Robinson
Delhi, N. Y.

We are returning to you herewith your check of $ 2.85 tendered in payment of additional income tax due to a discrepancy in the amount of tax paid at the source as shown by your return and the ownership certificates which this office now has on file.

Our previous letter to you on this matter was not for the purpose of collecting additional tax, but to obtain information that would enable us to ascertain the correctness of the deduction which you made on your return for the 2% tax paid at the source. For your information would state that when the 25% reduction on the 1923 income tax was made on your account it was computed on the basis of the net tax disclosed on your return. In other words, it was made on the amount shown to be due after deducting tax paid for you at the source. According to law you were entitled to 25% reduction on the amount of your tax before deduction is made for the tax paid at the source. This 25% should properly be computed on the amount of tax shown on line 31 of Form 1040 and tax paid at the source then deducted from this amount.

We are now preparing to refund to individuals 25% of the tax paid at the source as shown on their return providing that ownership certificates filed indicate that this amount of tax was paid by the debtor corporation. In your case there is a discrepancy between the ownership certificates and amount which you claim and the only way it can be adjusted is for you to furnish a list of the bonds on which you collected interest and signed at that time ownership certificate, Form 1000, requesting 2% be paid by the debtor corporation.

You are requested to give further consideration to this matter and endeavor to supply the required information.

Respectfully,

J. W. Clarke,

Collector.

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SUSPENSIONS OF COVERAGE

Effective Date of Suspensions of Coverage { January 18, 1925 At twelve and one minute o'clock A. M. } For Attachment to Policies Numbered { FA-AX4001546 }

Issued to W. Courtland Robinson

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In consideration of the representation made by the named Assured that the automobile described in these Policies will be laid up and actually and continuously withdrawn from use on the effective date of suspensions of coverage stated above, because of the severity of the Winter season, and in consideration of the named Assured's request that these Policies be suspended as of such date, it is hereby agreed that these Policies shall be so suspended and shall not cover such automobile on and after the effective date of suspensions of coverage stated herein.

It is further agreed that these suspensions of coverage are made with the understanding that the named Assured shall upon reinstatements of these Policies be entitled to a pro rata return premium for the period of suspensions, but in no event shall such return premium be granted for any suspensions of less than sixty (60) consecutive days, nor shall any such return premium be granted hereunder for any suspensions extending beyond the first day of May following the effective date of suspensions of coverage, and if not sooner terminated such suspensions in any event shall automatically expire on said first day of May.

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Daytona Beach
Jan. 16 – 1925.

Rev. & Mrs W. A. Robinson

Dear Friends

After one week we are very nicely located in a comfortable home, which we call our own, for the season.

We are with Mr Archibalds family in a roomy house.

The house is new, also the furniture and there is only one house between ours and the ocean.

We had a very nice ride on the beach this morning, around five miles, returning on the Peninsular drive which runs through some wild places but is being cleared and made ready for the Northern people. We are enjoying the climate more than we can tell. Our petty ailments are leaving us.

It seems almost incredeble that we can in two days time be transplanted from Ten inches of snow and thirteen inches of ice to June weather and flowers blooming vegetables growing and fruit hanging ready to eat. We are having strawberries large luscious ones and delicious oranges at fifteen cents a dozen.

We were in Daytona last Sunday and attended the Baptist church. The Presbyterian organization is on this side

with services in an auditorium where we hope to find a home hereafter while we stay here.

You will receive a letter later for the class. This is a personal one.

We have no mail delivery on this side so our address is just that is given at the head of this letter.

We think of you all.

Kindly remember us to any who may speak of us.

Sincerely
Lora E Thomson
Chas R Thomson

Lewis N.Y.
Jan. 13th 1925.

Dear Dr Robinson

We received your kindly invitation to unite with your splendid church, and we do appreciate it very much, for we enjoy attending your services, and feel quite at home in the atmosphere of your church. We heartily thank you.

And while we regret the condition of affairs in our own local Church, and our relationship with the same, we do not just now, at least see our way clear, to altogether ~~sever~~ seperate our selves from it.

We shall enjoy attending
your much appreciated
services. any every time we
get a chance.

You have made
us feel very welcome. and
so have your people. whom
we also like very much.

Again thanking you
and wishing you and
yours a most prosperous
Year. and hoping we
shall be able to hear
you preach many more
of your always fine sermons
we remain
Sincerely
Mrs O. C. Leachman & family

6/02-24

Dr Robinson
Delhi N.Y.

Dear Dr Mrs Robinson
The Paper I sent you
to sign is for the stock
in the Bldg Assn; which
is in your Name,
Mr Powell gave us the
Paper to send to you
to sign over the stock
we got the Deeds
Registered but not
the stock yet till
you sign, we have

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been back in the old
house one year Mr Taylor
put all his money in
it to fix it up
it was all to pieces in
fact we had to put
every thing new into it,
it was in such bad shape
they racked it dreadful
Mrs Taylor is his oldsely
again, I'm well Mr
Taylor I my self & Family
wishes to be remembered
to Mrs Robinson also your
self we thank you very
much tell us what we
owe you & we will send
it thanking you again

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For all your kindness
please sign & return
paper

I remain
Your Truly
Mr & Mrs S Saylor

P S I just read over
your letter again
about Mr Glen writing
that is perfectly all
right Mr Powell
gave us the paper
to get signed so he
can transfer the stock
along with deeds

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My dear Dr. Robinson:-

Thanks very much for your letter. I sincerely hope that your prediction is true.

You probably noted that LaRue though a Princetonian has deserted the old Institution and joined forces with the other side. In some ways I was deeply chagrined, though I have had a fear that he was losing interest. Had I felt this way a little sooner I could ~~should~~ have endeavored to have had another selected for the General Assembly.

Certainly we are learning some things. One is that the present movement has been very carefully planned. There are so many things now which convince me in this regard. But your cheering letter makes me feel that maybe the crisis has come and that a better day will dawn.

I very much appreciated your interest relative to the Stamford matter and I think if adjustments can be made I will get two or three days there.

I shall eagerly await the coming of the Grand Rapids Herald. In the meantime, hoping that you are well, and that something like what has happened to the Oneonta minister may come our way, I am with every good wish,

Most truly yours,

Marvin J. Thompson

The Parsonage,
101 Hoosick St.,
May 15, 1924.

MJT:AMK

P.S. — This morning Dr. McKelvey of St Paul, Philadelphia wrote me re to Henry Memorial where Laird has been. Would you permit him to present your name (of course mine) — M. J. T.

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My dear Doctor Robinson:-

Very much do I appreciate your letter written relative to my inquiry.

The ministers to whom I referred are the pastors of the Glens Falls Church and the Second Presbyterian Church of Troy. We are sending Lawrie of Hudson Falls, a Princeton man, and Zelie of the First Church to the General Assembly. Of course you know what is to be expected of the latter and I am quite undecided about the former. One of the elders going may be looked upon as a steeled Presbyterian. The other from Glens Falls is personally unknown to me, so I cannot say what we may expect from our representatives. However, I agree that the sooner we come to a true understanding of our position the better we are going to get on.

I note with satisfaction your successful year in grand old First Church. You surely are to be congratulated, though I have wondered if we appreciate enough the splendid foundation laid by those quiet consecrated men who have gone before us.

Oakwood is closing by far the best year in her history. I think without boasting we have made the finest progress of any Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery, though a shift of population is threatening the future. We are being surrounded by the Armenians. However, this is no fault of mine.

I wonder if it would be possible for me, through your good influence to get a few days preaching this summer anywhere within traveling distance of Delhi. I am informed that Willetts is going to Europe. Would there be any prospect there? As you know, I am obliged every summer to preach in Cabin Hill, Bovina, DeLancy and sometimes other places, but I may just as well render service where there is some financial return.

Possibly you may know that next year I will have two children in college. You are fortunate in getting your son educated before the higher cost of education reached you, but we will get through. I don't suppose that your son would care for a change of pastorate. There is now a splendid vacancy in Rochester. I refer to the Brighton Presbyterian Church. I think the salary would be $5,000 and a manse. If Stewart would care to consider it, it would be a pleasure

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for me to recommend him. It certainly is a privilege to be located in Rochester. Everything as I see it would be in his favor in the consideration of this vacancy. I have been informed that over 100 applications have been received, naturally 90 of them will be thrown away immediately.

Anyway let me hear from you. With every good wish, I am, of course,

Very sincerely,

Marvin J. Thompson

The Manse,
101 Hoosick St.,
Troy, N.Y.
April 29, 1924.

MJT:AMK

P.S.

In making a call to-day in the Reed home, 163 Hoosick Street I discovered that Mr. Reed is a relative of yours. His mother and your father attended the same school. Mr. Reed reported that you used to come and see them. He must exchange for his sake. Mrs Reed & daughter are members of Oakwood

MJT.

ORGAN AND PIANO DEPARTMENT
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

HARRY L. VIBBARD
ORGANIST
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

ORGAN RECITALS

March 14th.

Dear Dr. Robbie:-

Thanks for sending the program from Bill Main, I have never met him but I know that if you say so he is our sort. he's all right I have had quite a little success in the creative side of music lately and if I had more time could "get more across" It's a great game and often the publishers take what you think is of the least worth and reject the better things. But that is the way, "Abie's Irish Rose" is playing here for the sixth week and as a dramatic offering it is one of the punkest things I have ever sat through.

Mr. Mehaffey called me up after coming from Delhi and I am to meet him this afternoon; I believe he wishes to confer with me as to the things he has suggested to you on the rebuilding of the organ. Best regards to you.

Yours,

Harry Vib.

204 Comstock Ave.

ORGAN AND PIANO DEPARTMENT
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

HARRY L. VIBBARD
ORGANIST
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

ORGAN RECITALS

March 5th.

My Dear Dr. Robbie,

Excuse short note I called Mr. Mehaffey this morning and he will probably telegraph you before this reaches you.

There will be no expense attached to the inspection of the organ, just as you said it is a business "prospect".

You will find him a very good organist as well as a practical organ man and he will tell you to the best of his ability what is best to be done with the organ.

If you do not decide to have his firm do the work send me a list of the things or rather make them out and I will tell you some other firms to write to.

Best regards to you and Mrs. Robinson.

Cordially,

Harry Vibbard

204 Comstock Ave.

ORGAN AND PIANO DEPARTMENT
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HARRY L. VIBBARD
ORGANIST
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

ORGAN RECITALS

Feb. 28th.

My Dear Dr. Robbie:-

Delighted to get a letter from you as I shall always be, shall always remember our associations with a great deal of pleasure. I had known of your return to Delhi and I am sure that you must be happy there for I remember it as a very beautiful spot and of course I think often there is more real contentment in a small place than in a large city

In regard to the work you wish done on the organ I called up Mr. Ernest Mehaffey who is the local representative of the Estey Organ Co. and a practical organ man as well as an organist; he told me that he would be glad to come and see the organ and talk the matter over with you and that he could do this some time the latter part of next week.

We had the organ in Crouse College rebuilt last Fall and the Estey firm did the work as they were the most reasonable in price. If you find after talking to Mr. Mehaffey that you are not satisfied as to the figures he gives you please write me and I will suggest some other firm. They do very good work.

I am enjoying the big organ at the First Baptist Church entering my fourth year there, the organ has 95 speaking stops and about 60 couplers.

Mrs. Vibbard joins me in best regards to you and Mrs. Robinson and please dont forget that if there is anything you wish to ask about to write me; I shall be more than glad.

Cordially,

Harry L. Vibbard.

204 Comstock Ave.

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DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIFIC WORK
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GEORGE H. TRULL
MISS MARY W. KERR

April 8, 1924.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church,
Delhi, New York.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Dr. Speer has referred to me your statement that your Church would like to undertake the support of Rev. John T. Lyon, a senior in Princeton Seminary, should he be appointed by our Board. I consulted at once the Candidate Department, inquiring about Mr. Lyon, and have been informed that it would not be possible to send him this year to Brazil, as he wished, or in fact to any other of our Missions in South America. I am told by the Candidate Department that the Chile Mission has made request for the appointment of a man who has been a short term teacher in the Mission, but the Board is unable to comply with this request to send any missionaries this year to Chile.

Mr. Wysham of the Candidate Department has had a long talk with Mr. Lyon, and the latter fully understands the situation. Mr. Wysham told him that while he could not be sent this year, he was perfectly free to make application later, but told him that his age and a slight uncertainty as to his general health might make his appointment at that time problematic, because his application would have to be considered along with other men postponed from going in 1924 and in connection with the new men who would become available each year.

Inasmuch as Mr. Lyon is not going to the field this year, we are wondering if your Church would consider any other missionary. Will you kindly let us know about this, as we should be happy to complete arrangements with you for the assignment of the gifts of your Church for the coming year.

We congratulate you and your people that the gifts for the Foreign Board during the year just closed have shown such a marked increase. We are very grateful to you all for this, I can assure you.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

George H. Trull

GHT:NV